

## DISTRICT LIBRARY LAW AMENDED TO END OVERLAPPING LIBRARY SERVICE AREAS

Governor John Engler signed an important amendment to Michigan's district library act into law on Tuesday December 30, 1997. The amendment, which was as introduced as Senate Bill 520, became Public Act 160 of 1997 and took immediate effect. The bill was passed in final form by both the House and Senate in December.

The new law amends the district library act, (PA 24 of 1989), to allow a school district that is a participant in a district library formation to draw a boundary more narrowly than that of the full school district. The amendment prohibits any overlapping boundaries between district libraries, and requires that any such overlapping service boundaries that currently exist must be eliminated by October 1, 1998.

In addition, the new law requires that whenever municipalities seek to form a new district library in the future, they must provide a clear map or drawing of all areas to be included in the proposed district library to the State Librarian along with the completed district library agreement and the necessary resolutions. The map or drawing must clearly and unambiguously show the relationship of the proposed district library boundary

to those of all of the adjacent and constituent units of local government, which include counties, cities, villages, townships, school districts and district libraries.

Whenever a new district library is approved under the amended district library law, the secretary of the board of that district library must file copies of the State Librarian's approval and of the map or drawing used to establish the library's boundaries with the county treasurer, and also with the treasurer of each municipality within the district library boundary. When only a portion of a municipality will be included in the new district library, the secretary of the new district library board is also required to report the tax identification number for each parcel that is inside the district library boundary.

The new statute also permits district libraries already in existence at the time of this amendment to revise their original district library agreements to remove any overlap with a public library, as long as the public library has been

recognized by the legislative council as lawfully established for the purposes of the distribution of state aid and penal fines.

The amendment will resolve a few existing problems with overlapping district libraries, and it will prevent any other instances from occurring in the future. Because district libraries are taxing authorities, overlapping district library boundaries created the potential for dual taxation in such cases. Library of Michigan staff are now working to identify all of the current cases of district library boundaries that overlap, to assist the affected libraries in resolving the situation prior to the deadline. Michigan now has 119 legally established district libraries, with only a few cases where two district libraries overlap.

The full text of Enrolled Senate Bill No. 520 may be found on the website provided by the Michigan Legislature at - <http://michiganlegislature.org>.

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## CALLARD RETURNS TO LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN

In a move which may be unprecedented in state libraries, Carole Callard has been appointed to the Abrams Foundation Chair of Genealogy at the Library of Michigan. The new position is underwritten by the Abrams Family Foundation through the Library of Michigan Foundation.

Carole Callard is no stranger to Library of Michigan users. In her first tenure with the Library, from 1984 to 1995, she served as the Collections and Genealogy Librarian in Public Services. "I'm awfully glad to be back at the Library because it feels like coming home," Ms. Callard said.

After leaving LM, she served as a federal documents library field inspector for the United States Government Printing Office. She also worked at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, which is also noted for its outstanding genealogy collection. "I was glad the Library of Michigan provided me with the opportunity to do both government documents and genealogy on my last tenure, because I love both areas. I can't decide which I want to do when I grow up" Carole

said. In her new job, Ms. Callard will work directly with genealogists at the service desk and by appointment, and will also represent the Library at various meetings and conferences.

The Abrams Chair of Genealogy may be the first endowed position in a state library. The Abrams Family Foundation has been the major supporter of the Library's genealogical collection over the past decade, with gifts to the Library of Michigan earmarked for the collection valued at approximately \$750,000. This support has helped build the Library of Michigan into one of the nation's top genealogical libraries.

"This project is good for the Library and it's good for the Foundation," Abrams Foundation's President Barbara Brown, she said. "But most of all, it's good for the patrons she will be able to assist. The most exciting aspect is the outreach she will do," Ms. Brown continued, "getting out into the community to keep people aware of what we have at the Library and what's new."

The Library of Michigan Foundation is a private 501 (c) (3) tax exempt foundation established to support the Library of Michigan. The Legislative Council, the Library's administrative board, has approved the Foundation as the legal recipient for gifts designated for the Library. (See related article on the Foundation's new director on page 2.)

## CPAs OFFER FREE TAX ANSWERS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21 & SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1998

Farmington Hills-The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA) offers answers to your state and federal tax questions this tax season on Saturday, February 21 and Saturday, March 21 from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Call their toll-free number for convenient access to a CPA who can give you guidance with your taxes. Call (888) 824-2CPA and volunteer CPAs will assist you, but please limit your questions to two so that as many callers as possible can be helped. The information given to callers is not intended to be all-inclusive and has not been approved or disapproved by the MACPA.

The MACPA maintains an office in Farmington Hills and serves over 14,000 CPAs in Michigan through its educational and professional programs. For more information, visit their web site at <http://www.michcpa.org>

## PAYNE APPOINTED FOUNDATION DIRECTOR

Jacqueline Payne is the new Executive Director of the Library of Michigan Foundation, having joined the staff in December.

Ms. Payne most recently served as the Director of Development for the College of Social Science at Michigan State University. In this role, she managed fundraising, major donor prospects, and public relations for the College of Social Science, which includes five academic programs, six professional schools or programs and four interdisciplinary institutes. She worked to secure gifts for the College from foundations, corporate sources and individuals. Her most recent triumph was a \$1 million cash contribution to the College, a gift which took three years to negotiate. She increased the endowment of the College by 300% in her six years (1991-1997) as Director of Development.

Before becoming the Director of Development, Ms. Payne was the Assistant Director for Corporate Relations for MSU, which included managing MSU's capital campaign in the Midland, Saginaw, Bay City area. She was active in special events, donor recruitment, corporate in-house programs, and volunteer recruitment and retention in this position.

Ms. Payne was also involved in development for MSU's public radio station, WKAR.

In her first month in her new position, Ms. Payne plans to meet with as many Foundation Board members as possible, as she becomes familiar with the current situation.



## LIBRARIES INVITED TO JOIN AMERITECH COMMUNITY INFORMATION TOOLKIT PROJECT

Public libraries in Michigan have been invited to volunteer as partners in the development of a comprehensive "tool kit" of specialized computer software and supporting materials designed to bring detailed information about local community services and resources onto the Internet. The final product will be shared with libraries across Michigan without cost to the local library.

The opportunity to serve as one of the two demonstration sites was widely publicized. A special event in the Library of Michigan's auditorium gave interested librarians a chance to hear from the team working of the project. The collaborative project is based on the expertise of a team consisting of Eileen Palmer and Richard Truxall of The Library Network, Internet Consultants Richard Wiggins and Charles Severance, as well as Mike Mosher, Paul Raine and Todd White. Project Manager is Sue Davidsen at the Merit network in Ann Arbor.

Library responses to the RFP seeking partners are due by 5 p.m. on Friday January 9, 1998. The two library sites are expected to be named late in January, with the partnership going into action immediately. The demonstration projects will continue to midyear, when the Ameritech funds will be fully expended. Following distribution of the completed toolkit later this year, the community information services provided through libraries are expected to expand rapidly.



## LM WELCOMES NEW ELECTRONIC LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

The Library of Michigan welcomes Patty Curthoys as the new Electronic Library Development Specialist.

Patty comes to Lansing from Jamestown, New York where she was a Technology Coordinator for the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System, a rural, two county library system in the southwest corner of the state. Originally a native of Buffalo, New York, Patty earned her MLS as well as BA degree in English and Psychology from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

As a Technology Coordinator for CCLS, Patty configured, installed and administered a Windows NT 4.0 network for the system offices and central library with dial-in access for 34 rural member libraries. She also worked with a local group called

Chautauqua Region Online to build a community information network that was allied with the Buffalo Free-Net.

In support of these activities, Patty also created public access models and conducted Internet training and traveling demonstrations for member library staff, local organizations and the general public. Additionally, Patty provided technical support for member library automation, researched and wrote various federal LSCA and state automation grants, conducted HTML training for community agencies involved in community networking, reviewed books for Library Journal and the American Society for Information Science (JASIS). She also taught courses on the World Wide Web and electronic libraries at Jamestown Community College in New York State.

In her position as Electronic Library Development Specialist, Patty will be part of the LSTA team that plans and administers the Library Services and Technology Act fund for Michigan libraries. She will also be working with libraries on the Universal Service Fund and on various statewide projects like Access Michigan and the Michigan Electronic Library.

## PROGRESS CONTINUES ON UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

Vladimir and Estragon are waiting for Godot. Linus is waiting for the Great Pumpkin. And in Michigan, librarians and school administrators are waiting for the Universal Service Fund.

At presstime, the application forms and instructions for applying for the discount and certifying the winning bidder had just been released, being mailed from Washington in mid-December to school and public libraries nationwide.

The CEO of the new Schools and Library Corporation (SLC), Ira Fishman, announced that the USF website would not be available until the week of January 12. This website will be used to advertise all the projects for which schools and libraries are seeking USF discounts, enabling vendors across the country to bid on these projects. The SLC is the new non-profit corporation which will administer the USF for the Federal Communications Commission. (FCC)

The delay in the release of the applications and the activation of the website have meant changes in the proposed timeline.

Jeff Ogden of the Merit Network, Inc., has projected the following timeline if SLC hews to its current schedule. This was posted on Michigan Information Network's MIN Working Group listserv on November 21. It was accurate to that date.

*Dec 8-16* A series of "Train the Trainers" workshops will be held for various organizations in Washington. Michigan representatives of schools and libraries plan to attend.

*mid/Dec '97* Approximate date when official USF applications and instructions become available on the NECA or SLC website. Mailing to schools and libraries by NECA also begin at this time. The SLC also initiated an 800 number to handle application questions. The toll-free number is (888)203-8100.

*1 January '98* Start of first USF funding year, facilities and services received by eligible schools and libraries on or after this date are eligible for USF discounts. (Facilities and services received before this date are NOT eligible.)

*10 January '98* Last day for schools and libraries to enter into agreements for services and have them considered previously existing contracts.

*11 January '98* First day when schools and libraries can submit Form 470 to request services on which they will get a USF discount. The 75 day equal application window period starts today. Schools and libraries with previously existing contracts will be able to submit form 471 to request a commitment of funds at the same time, while others will have to wait at least four weeks after their requests for services are posted to the Web before they can submit Form 471.

*10 February '98* Earliest date when Form 471 can be submitted, unless a school or library has a previously existing agreement (that is, an agreement signed before January 11, 1998). This is the 28 days schools and libraries are required to wait after their requests are posted to the Web plus two days for the Schools and Libraries Corp. to get the requests posted.

*20 February '98* Last day to submit Form 470 in order to be able to submit Form 471 before the end of the initial 75 day equal application window. It may be wise to submit Form 470 a bit earlier than this date in case it takes more than the promised 48 hours to get the request for services posted to the Web site, or if an organization will need more than two or three days to evaluate vendors' responses, get any necessary approvals from school or library boards, sign agreements, fill out and submit Form 471.

*26 March '98* Initial 75 day equal application window ends. Applications (Form 471) received after this date are funded on a first-come-first-served basis until only \$250M remains to be allocated, after which applications from the most disadvantaged schools and libraries receive first priority.

*Early to mid April '98* First USF funds are committed. Funds will be committed retroactively back to January 1st for services that were received during this time. Note that to receive retroactive funding, a school or library will need to move forward to have facilities or services delivered before they know if they have received a funding commitment. If schools or libraries wait to start services until their USF discount funding is confirmed, then the discounts will start

when the services are first received, which will necessarily be sometime after this date.

*1 July '98* Applications (Form 470) for 1999 USF funding can be submitted. Form 471 can be submitted together with Form 470 if you have an existing multi-year contract that extends into 1999 and which was signed before *November 8, 1996 or after December 17, 1997*. There may be an equal application window, perhaps 75 days, that starts on this date, but this is not yet certain.

*31 December '98* End of first USF funding year

*1 January '99* Start of second USF funding year. Only multi-year agreements signed before November 8, 1996 or agreements submitted on or after December 17, 1997 which were posted to the Web and went through competitive bidding are eligible for USF discounts on or after this date.

The Library of Michigan, the Merit Network, the Michigan Information Network, and the Michigan Department of Education are partners in two projects in the works to assist USF applicants.

The first is a manual to assist librarians and school administrators to understand the process more fully. This manual will be based on the discussions which have been held on the MIN Working Group electronic mail list.

The second is a teleconference, tentatively scheduled for January 15, to lead applicants through the USF forms line-by-line. The exact time, locations, and satellite coordinates will be announced as soon as they are available.

Changes to this timeline and other significant information on the Universal Service Fund can be found on Merit's web page, <http://www.merit.edu>, or through the minwg-share listserv. To subscribe to minwg-share, send a message to [majordomo@merit.edu](mailto:majordomo@merit.edu) with the message "subscribe minwg-share". (Please do not include the quotes in the message.)

Public libraries in Michigan may also contact Patty Curthoys at the Library of Michigan with any questions on the Universal Service Fund. Phone (517) 373-4466 or E-mail [curthoys@libofmich.lib.mi.us](mailto:curthoys@libofmich.lib.mi.us)



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## **"WAIT AND SEE" WON'T WORK WITH USF**

With the frequent delays and the "hurry up and wait" fits and starts of the implementation of the Universal Service Fund, some people may be tempted to sit back and watch to see what will happen in 1998. State Librarian George Needham suggests that this could prove detrimental to the long term stability of the project.

"The Universal Service Fund has been as frustrating as a snipe hunt," Needham says. "But it's vital that schools and libraries get involved in this project right from the beginning."

Needham explained that the USF has any number of opponents in Congress and the telecommunications industry. "These people are looking for reasons to gut this project, and non-participation would be a perfect excuse to do just that."

The ideal would be a near-perfect match of applicants and available funds. The USF is projected to total \$2.25 billion in its first year of operation. "If there is a large percentage of this money left at the end of the year, it will appear that schools and libraries don't need these discounts. And there's never a shortage of people ready to pick off a ripe plum like this," Needham concluded.

## **MAME ANNUAL CONFERENCE EVENTS HOSTED BY LM**

The Library of Michigan, in cooperation with the Michigan Historical Museum, hosted a pre-conference session on October 15th for 30 Michigan Association for Media in Education (MAME) annual conference attendees. The pre-conference included a tour of both the library and the museum facilities, as well as a virtual tour of electronic services available to educators. Highlights of the electronic tour included the Michigan Historical Museum's website, the Michigan Electronic Library, the AccessMichigan Project and the newly unveiled Michigan Legislative Information website.

A reception for all conference attendees was held the evening of October 16th, with over 800 people attending. The reception offered a chance for MAME members to visit the library and meet the staff.

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## **LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT WORKSHOPS OFFERED STATEWIDE IN JANUARY**

Michigan librarians are looking forward to their first opportunity to apply for financial support through the new Library Services and Technology Act, LSTA. The new federal library program was established by Congress, with the first funding for LSTA being appropriated in the FY 1998 federal budget. Michigan will receive approximately \$ 4.4 million in FY 98 LSTA funds, which will be a slight increase over the total received in the last year of the LSCA program.

Library of Michigan staff will fan out across the state in January to present a series of 27 grant writing workshops designed to introduce the new subgrant program in detail. There is no fee for attending the workshop, but preregistration is necessary. The emphasis in these training sessions will be on the LSTA application process and tips for writing a competitive subgrant proposal.

Competitive subgrants are the portion of LSTA of greatest immediate interest, with 1800 copies of the LSTA information being distributed to academic, school, public, special and academic libraries statewide at the end of November 1997. Public library cooperatives, Regions of Cooperation, REMCs and libraries for the blind and physically handicapped also received the LSTA materials. The mailing included the New LSTA Subgrant Guidelines publication as well as the LSTA 5-Year Plan for Michigan and the application forms. The LSTA information is also available in full text on the LM web page at <http://www.libofmich.lib.mi.us/lsta/lstaprog.html>, or in disc format.

LSTA applications are due at the Library of Michigan not later than 5:00 p.m. on April 1, 1998. Subgrant awards are expected to be announced in July, with an expenditure deadline of June 30, 1999.

LSTA funds also support statewide programs available at no cost to all Michigan libraries. These include the Michigan Electronic Library (MEL), the Serials, Periodicals and Newspapers (SPAN) listing that supports interlibrary loan, and the statewide contract for library access to commercial databases known as Access Michigan.

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## **MICHIGAN NEWSPAPER PROJECT RECEIVES NEH GRANT FUNDS**

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has approved an interim grant of federal funds to continue the cataloging of newspapers statewide in Michigan. The newest funding will serve as a "bridge grant" to maintain the project staff during NEH's transition to a new grant cycle. The project staff are currently cataloging the newspaper holdings at the University of Michigan.

The Library of Michigan has already applied to NEH for the next

U.S. Newspaper Project grant. If approved, the next NEH grant will support another two years of intensive work on the Michigan Newspaper Project beginning this spring.

This project is a collaborative effort of the major libraries in the state, in cooperation with the Library of Congress and NEH. The Library of Michigan administers the project grant, however the staff will be working statewide.

	Penal Fines Collected	Interest Reported	County Law Library Fund	Penal Fines to Public Libraries	County Population	1997 Per Capita Rate
Alcona	\$66,240.00	\$674.46	\$2,500.00	\$64,414.46	10,145	\$6.35
Alger	\$51,571.80	\$105.73	\$2,000.00	\$49,677.53	8,972	\$5.54
Allegan*	\$540,123.05	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	\$533,623.05	90,509	\$5.90
Alpena	\$151,471.11	\$2,457.65	\$3,500.00	\$150,428.76	30,605	\$4.92
Antrim	\$96,106.10	\$2,097.90	\$2,500.00	\$95,704.00	18,185	\$5.26
Arenac	\$181,566.25	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$179,066.25	14,906	\$12.01
Baraga	\$36,191.00	\$242.52	\$2,000.00	\$34,433.52	7,954	\$4.33
Barry*	\$137,401.63	\$3,109.66	\$3,250.00	\$137,261.29	51,790	\$2.65
Bay	\$319,861.90	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	\$306,630.44	111,723	\$2.74
Benzie	\$90,679.48	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$85,679.48	12,200	\$7.02
Berrien	\$1,286,004.40	\$31,367.26	\$6,500.00	\$1,310,871.66	161,378	\$8.12
Branch	\$212,560.98	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$208,060.98	41,502	\$5.01
Calhoun	\$443,423.36	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	\$436,923.36	135,982	\$3.21
Cass	\$215,260.84	\$26,864.55	\$4,500.00	\$237,625.39	49,477	\$4.80
Charlevoix	\$110,481.01	\$1,524.39	\$2,556.25	\$109,449.15	21,468	\$5.10
Cheboygan*	\$249,442.44	\$3,852.38	\$3,500.00	\$249,794.82	21,864	\$11.42
Chippewa	\$264,003.61	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$260,503.61	34,604	\$7.53
Clare	\$154,867.28	\$4,532.50	\$3,500.00	\$155,899.78	24,952	\$6.25
Clinton*	\$359,543.73	\$9,198.32	\$6,500.00	\$362,242.05	64,074	\$5.65
Crawford	\$144,328.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$141,828.00	12,260	\$11.57
Delta	\$166,498.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$161,998.00	37,780	\$4.29
Dickinson	\$98,957.06	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$95,457.06	26,831	\$3.56
Eaton	\$299,448.50	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	\$292,948.50	92,879	\$3.15
Emmet	\$151,417.07	\$4,125.67	\$3,500.00	\$152,042.74	25,040	\$6.07
Genesee	\$478,482.95	\$13,622.33	\$8,500.00	\$483,605.28	430,459	\$1.12
Gladwin	\$193,667.61	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$190,167.61	21,896	\$8.69
Gogebic	\$97,271.00	\$2,466.54	\$2,500.00	\$97,237.54	18,052	\$5.39
Grand Traverse	\$283,955.46	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	\$277,455.46	77,109	\$3.60
Gratiot	\$600,245.68	\$9,006.61	\$4,500.00	\$604,752.29	38,982	\$15.51
Hillsdale	\$144,641.45	\$3,762.87	\$4,500.00	\$143,904.32	43,431	\$3.31
Houghton	\$66,501.48	\$819.21	\$4,581.92	\$62,738.77	35,446	\$1.77
Huron	\$234,181.45	\$2,357.14	\$4,500.00	\$232,036.20	34,951	\$6.64
Ingham*	\$720,518.90	\$21,974.69	\$8,500.00	\$733,993.59	282,038	\$2.60
Ionia	\$430,113.83	\$12,641.47	\$6,500.00	\$436,255.30	57,024	\$7.65
Iosco	\$226,495.22	\$1,129.79	\$3,500.00	\$224,125.01	30,209	\$7.42
Iron	-\$48,776.50	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$46,276.50	13,175	\$3.51
Isabella	\$353,718.07	\$7,904.44	\$6,500.00	\$355,122.51	54,624	\$6.50
Jackson	\$435,948.58	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	\$429,348.58	149,756	\$2.87
Kalamazoo	\$445,486.29	\$11,661.25	\$6,500.00	\$450,647.54	223,411	\$2.02
Kalkaska	\$124,196.10	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$121,696.10	13,497	\$9.02
Kent	\$1,448,964.89	\$48,426.28	\$8,500.00	\$1,488,891.17	500,631	\$2.97
Keweenaw	\$4,755.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,755.00	1,701	\$1.62
Lake	\$55,216.50	\$2,842.50	\$2,000.00	\$56,059.00	8,583	\$6.53
Lapeer	\$476,104.43	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	\$469,604.43	74,768	\$6.28
Leelanau	\$71,320.19	\$934.83	\$2,500.00	\$69,755.02	16,527	\$4.22
Lenawee*	\$400,587.22	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	\$394,087.22	91,627	\$4.30
Livingston*	\$435,244.80	\$10,553.45	\$6,500.00	\$439,298.25	116,329	\$3.78
Luce	\$32,755.00	\$831.19	\$2,000.00	\$31,586.19	5,763	\$5.48
Mackinac	\$199,663.63	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$197,163.63	10,674	\$18.47
Macomb	\$667,512.65	\$12,636.94	\$8,500.00	\$671,649.59	717,400	\$0.94
Manistee	\$234,707.06	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$227,707.06	21,265	\$10.71
Marquette	\$161,505.98	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	\$155,005.98	70,887	\$2.19
Mason	\$121,068.42	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$117,568.42	25,537	\$4.60
Mecosta	\$192,663.88	\$2,872.60	\$4,500.00	\$191,036.48	37,308	\$5.12
Menominee	\$163,484.35	\$2,103.08	\$3,500.00	\$162,087.43	24,920	\$6.50
Midland	\$242,484.23	\$5,185.29	\$6,500.00	\$241,169.52	75,651	\$3.19
Missaukee*	\$100,931.15	\$2,796.17	\$2,500.00	\$101,227.32	16,760	\$6.04
Monroe	\$1,053,100.16	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	\$1,046,600.16	133,600	\$7.83
Montcalm	\$238,083.21	\$6,632.17	\$6,500.00	\$254,315.38	53,059	\$4.49
Montmorency	\$55,180.85	\$1,787.26	\$2,000.00	\$54,968.11	8,936	\$6.15
Muskegon	\$428,912.01	\$14,071.65	\$6,500.00	\$436,483.66	158,983	\$2.75
Newaygo*	\$167,327.92	\$2,008.87	\$4,500.00	\$164,836.79	38,377	\$4.30
Oakland	\$1,263,979.01	\$35,981.51	\$0.00	\$1,263,979.01	1,083,592	\$1.17
Oceana*	\$196,040.50	\$4,296.49	\$3,500.00	\$196,836.99	22,737	\$8.66
Ogemaw	\$337,589.67	\$7,859.13	\$2,500.00	\$342,948.80	18,681	\$18.36
Ontonagon	\$66,835.91	\$1,631.95	\$2,000.00	\$66,467.86	8,854	\$7.51
Osceola	\$213,703.79	\$1,029.64	\$2,500.00	\$212,233.43	20,146	\$10.53
Oscoda	\$69,369.25	\$241.46	\$2,000.00	\$67,610.71	7,842	\$8.62
Otsego	\$157,307.51	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$154,807.51	17,957	\$8.62
Ottawa	\$958,284.20	\$30,174.80	\$6,500.00	\$981,959.00	187,768	\$5.23
Presque Isle	\$46,611.00	\$82.25	\$2,500.00	\$44,193.25	13,743	\$3.22
Roscommon*	\$271,492.91	\$7,232.33	\$2,500.00	\$276,225.24	23,189	\$11.91
Saginaw	\$872,239.84	\$24,550.02	\$6,500.00	\$890,289.86	211,946	\$4.20
Sanilac	\$226,854.79	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$222,354.79	39,928	\$5.57
Schoolcraft	\$61,600.75	\$1,279.57	\$2,000.00	\$60,880.32	8,302	\$7.33
Shiawassee	\$161,135.82	\$816.80	\$6,500.00	\$155,452.62	69,770	\$2.23
St.Clair	\$648,261.38	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	\$641,761.38	145,607	\$4.41
St. Joseph	\$176,158.25	\$3,891.53	\$6,500.00	\$173,549.78	58,913	\$2.95
Tuscola*	\$319,053.31	\$1,410.51	\$6,500.00	\$313,963.82	55,991	\$5.61
Van Buren	\$434,738.29	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	\$428,238.29	70,060	\$6.11
Washtenaw*	\$214,132.38	\$14,919.47	\$8,500.00	\$220,551.85	283,095	\$0.78
Wayne*	\$2,319,790.21	\$71,245.53	\$0.00	\$2,319,790.21	2,117,142	\$1.10
Wexford	\$340,431.63	\$8,187.67	\$3,500.00	\$345,119.30	26,360	\$13.09

\$5.34	19%
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\$5.22	7%
\$6.02	1%
\$1.17	-33%
\$1.11	-1%
\$11.53	14%

## 7% INCREASE IN PENAL FINES FOR 1997

According to the Library of Michigan's annual survey of County Treasurer's, total Penal Fines collected in 1997 rose 7% over 1996 figures. The total amount collected was \$27,524,845, compared with \$ 25,766,236 for last year. The amount collected differs from the amount of Penal Fines distributed to Public Libraries because of deductions for individual county's Law Library Fund. The amount each county is able to appropriate for its Law Library is determined by its population and is spelled out in P.A. 236 of 1961.

59 Michigan counties showed per capita rate increases for 1997. The county with the largest per capita rate increase was Baraga with a per capita rate increase of 81% over 1996. Baraga's per capita rate increased to \$4.33 in 1997, compared with \$2.39 for 1996. Mackinac county had the highest per capita rate for the year at \$18.47, an increase of 69%. Of the 24 counties showing a decrease in Penal Fine revenues, Washtenaw county had the lowest per capita rate, .78¢, and the largest per capita rate decrease at -33%.

The following report shows the amount of Penal Fines collected as of June 30th, 1997. The interest reported, if any, on the Penal Fines for the preceding 12 months, along with the amount appropriated to each Law Library fund, resulting in the amount to be distributed to the Public Libraries in each county. The amount to be distributed is then divided by the county's library service population to arrive at the per capita rate for distribution purposes.

The county's library service population is provided to each County Treasurer by the Library of Michigan prior to July 15th of any given year. The Library of Michigan determines each public library's service population on June 30th of each year. The Library of Michigan reviews library service contracts in effect on the last day of June, as well as legal service populations, to arrive at the service population for each public library.

Questions about this report and library service populations can be directed to Joe Reeves at the Library of Michigan. He can be reached at 517.373.7147 or e-mail to [joreeves@libofmich.lib.mi.us](mailto:joreeves@libofmich.lib.mi.us), or through the Library of Michigan's web site at <http://www.libofmich.lib.mi.us>.

## STATE OF MICHIGAN WORKS TO COLLECT COURT FINES

The State Court Administrators Office and District Courts throughout Michigan have worked steadily to improve the collection of fines and other amounts ordered to be paid by the courts. Results of a multi-year study were released by the State Court Administrator in 1997, showing that for the courts surveyed there was an aggregate collection rate of 88 percent.

The study of district court collections was based on data provided by 36 courts operating in 38 locations. The amount of money ordered collected by the courts was tracked over several years to establish the success of collections. The findings of the study showed that 88% of the court assessments ordered in 1994 were collected, 2% was later suspended, with approximately 10% not yet collected at the time the study closed.

The study also showed that the court system sometimes needs several years to complete the collection of the amounts assessed. The conclusion of the study was that final collection rates would be likely to average over 90% in the future as the courts continue their collection efforts.

The range of collections reported by individual courts ranged from a low of 66% to a high of 98%. Only two courts were below a 79% collection rate while 18 of those surveyed (47% of the participants) had a collection rate of 90% or better.

The power of the court system to collect the amounts assessed is limited by the legal powers of the courts as well as by the local economic factors affecting each of the courts. The study had no information available to help in estimating the percentage of unpaid monies that are uncollectable due to factors such as the offender being deceased, no longer a resident of Michigan, bankrupt or imprisoned.

The effort being made at the state and district court level to collect the funds ordered by the courts is having an impact, and may be part of the explanation for the rise in penal fine income paid to libraries statewide in recent years. However, a variety of factors at the county level can also affect penal fine income, as shown by the year to year variations in penal fine totals reported by the county treasurers to the Library of Michigan.

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## BOOKNOTES ON C-SPAN: A SOURCE FOR AUTHOR INFO

Political junkies have always known about C-Span, but now bibliophiles are finding a home on the cable network, too. Brian Lamb, C-Span's president and lead interviewer, hosts *Booknotes* every Sunday at 8:00 p.m. (Eastern).

Each show features a one hour interview with a noted author, and includes a discussion of the author's latest work and readings from the book. A recent guest was Frank McCourt, reading excerpts from his bestselling memoir *Angela's Ashes*.

As you might expect from C-Span, many of the authors come from the world of politics and government, representing all points on the political compass. The hour-long, commercial-free format leaves plenty of time for thoughtful, intellectually challenging discussion.

C-Span's web site provides a wealth of information on *Booknotes* and its companion program, *About Books* (Saturday at 8:00 p.m., repeated on Sundays at 9:00 p.m.). Although the web site features an unfortunate number of dead links, check <<http://www.c-span.org/booknotes.htm>> for details on past and future guests, tapes and transcripts, and audio and video clips from the interviews.

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## SINGLE AUDIT INFORMATION FOR LIBRARIES

The Federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has issued important revisions to Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations*.

The revised circular supersedes prior versions of OMB Circular A-133 and rescinds OMB Circular A-128, *Audits of State and Local Governments*.

The revised circular, which implements the 1996 Single Audit Act Amendments, provides uniform single audit requirements for non-federal grant recipients, including state and local governments, colleges and universities, hospitals and nonprofit organizations. It applies to audits of fiscal years beginning after June 30, 1996.

Under the new audit requirements, non-federal entities that expend \$300,000 or more (an increase from \$25,000 received) annually in federal awards must have a single audit or a program-specific audit performed in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

Non-federal entities expending less than \$300,000 annually in federal awards are exempt from single audit requirements for that year, but records must be available for review if requested by governmental agencies.

A single audit is an audit which includes both the entity's financial statements and the federal awards. Because of the higher audit threshold, that will exempt most library subgrant recipients from single audits, the Library of Michigan will face increased monitoring responsibility for subgrantees.

If your library receives federal awards or expends federal funds, you should inform your auditor so proper audit procedures can be followed. An annual financial audit must be filed with the Michigan Department of Treasury (Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, Act 2 of 1968, Section 141.425). If a single audit is required because of LSCA/LSTA funds expended, a copy of the financial and single audit should also be sent to the Library of Michigan.

For additional information, please contact Jayne Gerard at the Library of Michigan, 517-373-5845.

## STATEWIDE PRICING AVAILABLE TO ALL LIBRARIES

The Library of Michigan recently announced the 50 recipients of the Library and Services Construction Act (LSCA) Title III Statewide Internet Access grant awards. The grant award package that these libraries will be receiving includes a computer workstation w/printer, modem and software. Also included in the grant package are training, and reimbursement up to \$1000 for telecommunication costs.

In order to assist these libraries in obtaining computer equipment for reliable access to the Internet, the Library of Michigan issues bids and centrally purchases the hardware on behalf of the grant recipients. This year's accepted bid was submitted by EDS State of Michigan End User Computing and the pricing available to the Library of Michigan for these products has been extended to all Michigan libraries:

Dell GN/M Pentium Model with  
MMX 200MHz  
3.0GB Hard Drive 32MB RAM  
12-24X/CD-ROM Drive 33.6 Fax/  
Modem \$1840.97

Dell Ultrascan 1000HS 17"  
Color Monitor \$689.80

Hewlett Packard InkJet Color  
Printer (670C) \$211.30

To enquire about purchasing from the  
EDS State of Michigan End User Com-  
puting extended price, please call 1-  
800-777-8923.

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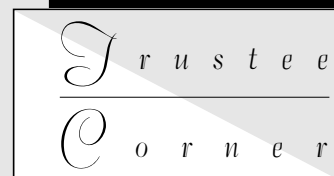
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1998 Annual Report and  
State Aid Applications are  
due at the Library of  
Michigan by  
February 1, 1998



# COMMENTS ON 501(c)(3) STATUS

*Some parts of the following column were inadvertently omitted in the last issue. We run the entire column here.*



As Trustees and Directors of libraries are faced with the rising costs of operations and the need for new or expanded services and facilities, they are faced with the need to explore new sources of revenue. Donations from foundations typically require a grant proposal and, sooner or later, Trustees are confronted with the question of whether the library or a related group has 501(c)(3) status. Some foundations restrict their donations to 501(c)(3) organizations. Whether and how this designation may be attained; what the status means for the library and its donors; and when and where to apply and file annual reports are questions that should be discussed with legal counsel. Some basic information and materials are readily available, however, and may be a helpful first step in understanding this complex area of the law.

501(c)(3) status refers to the section of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that provides recognition of exemption from federal income tax to certain organizations. To qualify for the exemption, an organization must be organized for one or more of the purposes specifically designated in the Code. Generally, the organization may qualify if it is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, scientific, or literary purposes. In order to obtain official recognition of 501(c)(3) status, an organization must apply in writing, using the appropriate forms, directly to the Internal Revenue Service.

The Internal Revenue Service has published a helpful booklet that should be required reading for anyone seeking 501(c)(3) status for an organization or anyone managing an organization that already enjoys that status. Publication #557: "Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization" is free of charge from the service. The booklet provides necessary information on the application process, filing requirements and disclosures, and descriptions of qualifying organizations. The publication will indicate to the reader the necessary forms for application and reporting requirements and appropriate addresses for IRS offices. An order blank is also provided.

One of the thorniest questions in this area is whether a library is a qualifying organization. Some guidance on this issue is given in Publication #557, Section 3, where the distinction between units of local government and instrumentalities is discussed. A state or municipality itself does not qualify for exemption under this section of the Code. Units of government are exempt from federal income tax under Section 170 of the Code. Under certain conditions, however, an instrumentality of government may qualify under section 501(c)(3) if it is organized as a separate entity and does not enjoy governmental powers. The question comes down to whether the library is a unit of local government or an integral part of that unit or an instrumentality of local government. This determination needs to be discussed with the library's attorney.

Ordinarily, Friends of the Library have no difficulty qualifying for 501(c)(3) status. Many such organizations have incorporated as Michigan non-profit corporations as the first step in the process of attaining 501(c)(3) status. There are distinct advantages in having this determination, not the least of which is the assurance that contributions to Friends of the Library will qualify as charitable deductions for the donors. The advantages and disadvantages of seeking 501(c)(3) status should be discussed with an attorney.

Some libraries feel comfortable with the Friends of the Library taking a very active role in fund-raising and in procuring grants for library purposes that are available only to 501(c)(3) organizations. Some libraries, on the other hand, establish funds, separate and apart from its other funds, for the express charitable purpose of supporting a special project. This type of fund may qualify for tax-exempt status. There may be distinct advantages of using this mechanism rather than asking a Friends organization to assume a large fund-raising project.

Like most legal options, 501(c)(3) status is not a difficult concept to understand. It is, however, complex in application. Trustees should consult local legal counsel for detailed information and an analysis of the advantages of such status for library-related activities.

**M**icrosoft IE 4.0 and Netscape Communicator have evolved from Web browsers to Internet application suites. These suites make it easier to provide users with messaging, collaboration and simple HTML editing capabilities, functions that are especially useful within corporate intranets. Also, security options have been beefed up in both products. The downside is that the original browsers (Netscape's and Microsoft's version 1) required only one mg of hard drive space, while the new fourth generation requires 16 to 40 mg of hard drive space, 8 to 16 mg of RAM, and a pentium or power Mac processing chip to work effectively.

Both browsers now include push clients. Push clients automatically "crawl" out on the Web and download the specific types of information to which you have "subscribed" from various Web sites. (Think of this as the difference between picking up a copy of your favorite magazine at the newsstand and having it delivered to your doorstep.)

## **Netscape Communicator (\$59.00)**

Program size 8.3 megabytes to 18 megabytes  
Download time 28.8 modem is 54 minutes to 116 minutes  
Hard drive space 16 megabytes to 40 megabytes  
Permits off-line reading of e-mail  
Standard edition  
Navigator 4 (updated Web browser)  
Messenger (e-mail)  
Collabra (news reader)  
Composer (HTML authoring tool)  
Netcaster (push and pull capabilities)

## **Professional Communicator (\$79.00)**

Calendar  
AutoAdmin  
IBM host  
On-Demand  
Allows multiple user profiles  
Spelling checker  
Create personal toolbar with icons representing your favorite websites  
Automatic installation of plug-ins

Sort incoming e-mail into folders  
Does not support ActiveX

For older Macs or Windows 3.1 machines **Netscape Navigator 3.01** may be your best bet. Netscape Navigator 3.01 requires 4 MB RAM and 3 MB hard drive space.

## **Internet Explorer 4.0 (Free)**

IE 4.0 integrates the browser directly into the operating system, so you can use IE 4.0 to browse your hard drives folders and files

Windows 95 operating system

24 MB of hard drive space for full installation (For dial-up users the full install takes too long to download via MichNet. A CD-ROM version is available for \$5.00)

Fastest browser today

Enhanced e-mail and news program:

Get messages from one or more e-mail accounts

Sorts incoming e-mail into folders

A three-pane view lets you preview messages without opening them

Permits off-line reading of e-mail  
Provides an e-mail notification option  
Lightweight HTML authoring tool  
Conference and collaboration features  
Push and pull technologies  
Lets you customize the Windows taskbar

Smart Favorites periodically checks your favorite pages for changes (Pull)  
PointCast delivers news, stock prices, weather (Push)

**Internet Explorer 3.0a** requires 4 MB RAM and 3 MB hard drive space. Best to have 8 MB RAM with Windows 3.1 and 16 MB RAM with Windows 95

## **Recommendations:**

If you have a Pentium computer (P75 or slower and only 8 meg of RAM) stay with version 3 of IE or Netscape.

Netscape Communicator 4 is considered slightly better than IE 4. However, the difference is very slight. Netscape offers just a browser version of Communicator 4. This is the best choice if you use dial-up access and only search the net. If you are on a network, choose the full suite of applications.

—James Seidl, Director  
Woodlands Library  
Albion Michigan

## **UM MAKING OF AMERICA SITE -- 685,885 PAGES NOW ONLINE**

The University of Michigan Digital Library Initiative has to announced completion of the first phase of the Making of America project, now including approximately 650,000 pages of books and journals from the latter part of the 19th century. This tremendous resource now contains 1,601 books and ten journals with more than 49,069 articles documenting America's social history. Based on feedback solicited in earlier announcements for the resource, as well as on local user studies, the current implementation adds functionality in a number of areas. Notable features of the current system include the following:

- Users may search the full text of the 685,885 pages, retrieving results almost instantly.
- The system now includes browsable bibliographies for the journal articles and the monographs.
- The UM Making of America resources have been encoded in a simple SGML form; consequently, this project is able to seamlessly integrate both automatically processed (i.e., "raw") texts, and texts whose OCR and encoding is carefully evaluated (i.e., "cooked" texts). Users who encounter a "cooked" text will find attractively rendered HTML with links to page images, while "raw" texts are presented as page images until resources can be found to improve them.
- A major project undertaken during the summer of 1997 subdivided the UM Making of America periodicals into articles, adding title and author information to the rough OCR file at the article level, thus making it easier to navigate the large body of material or to search for specific items.
- Although the functionality of the resource is enhanced by the use of browsers that support frames, the current implementation also supports frameless browsers. Especially if you've been a user of the UM Making of American system in the past, the project staff would be very interested in your comments. Please take a look at the new system at <http://www.umd.umich.edu/moa/> and send comments to [moa-info@umich.edu](mailto:moa-info@umich.edu). The project is made possible in part by a generous grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

♦♦♦ The trustees and staff of the Delton District Library celebrated the dedication of the new library facility in Delton with an open house and dedication ceremony on Sunday November 23, 1997. The spacious new brick facility is located at 330 North Grove Street, only a few blocks from the converted house that served as the community's library for many years. Area residents turned out to commemorate the new facility, and also to honor the memory of longtime Delton librarian Dorothy Texter, who passed away earlier this year.

♦♦♦ Alpena area residents received expanded local dial access to the Internet on November 13th, when an additional 7 lines were added to the local modem pool. The dial access is a shared project of the community that began as an initiative of the public library cooperative. Four of the new lines are for use by Northland Library Cooperative, 2 are for use by the Merit Network and one is a spare line. The Northland Library Cooperative sponsored the first public dial access in this area with the help of LSCA funding provided by the Library of Michigan and technical support from the Merit Network. The strong response from local government, business and individual users encouraged the local partners to progressively expand the dial access from the original 8 lines to the current total of

64 lines in just a few year's time.

♦♦♦ *The Bay County Library System has announced the completion of the new Directory of Community Organizations, Bay County, Michigan. The 440 page directory was compiled with the cooperation of over 460 clubs, agencies and organizations and with funding provided by a grant of \$ 4,900 provided by the Noon Rotary Club of Bay City. Printed copies of the fully indexed directory may be obtained for \$ 18.00 each, while a version in Windows format on computer diskette is available for \$ 5.00 each. Stephen Kent of Mid-Michigan Computer Consultants donated the software development needed to offer the information in an easy-to-use PC format, with full-text searching capabilities. Order forms for either version are available at all branches of the Bay County Library System, while an annual subscription to the directory is also available. Library director Linda Heemstra credited strong community collaboration for the success of the project, while giving special recognition to Reference Department Head Mary McManman who directed the work.*

♦♦♦ The Michigan Genealogical Council celebrated the 25th anniversary of its founding with a reception at the Library of Michigan on Thursday, November 13, 1997. Current and past officers of MGC were recognized, as were Abrams Foundation board

chair Barbara Brown and members of the reference staff of the Library of Michigan. Delegates from many local genealogical groups participated in the event, which was held in the Forum auditorium.

♦♦♦ The Peter White Library in Marquette held a groundbreaking ceremony on Friday December 5, 1997. The seasonal cold and snow of the Upper Peninsula combined to keep the speeches short. The cold did not deter library friends and supporters, who turned out strongly to celebrate the official beginning of the library's expansion project. The Friends of the Library provided hot tea and cookies to sustain the attendees. The highlight of the event was the appearance of the library's original benefactor, Peter White, represented by a good-natured local resident who resembled the donor of the original library building. The costumed representative of the 19th century philanthropist was a hit with the media as he recreated an actual speech of Peter White, just as it had originally been given in 1888. Double exposure photos of the visiting "Peter White" looking at a model of the planned expansion provided a suitably ghostly image to commemorate the event.

♦♦♦ Green Oak Township became a participating municipality in the Brighton District Library in November, joining the City



of Brighton, the Township of Genoa and the Township of Brighton which formed the district library in 1992. A special election held in Green Oak Township on November 4, 1997, provided voter approval of the necessary millage funding from the township.

♦♦♦ The new Charlotte Community Library was legally established in November, with an effective date of October 30, 1997. The participating municipalities are the City of Charlotte, the Township of Eaton, and the Township of Carmel. Governance for the new library is provided by a seven-member appointed board.

♦♦♦ The Central Lake Township Library held a well-attended groundbreaking ceremony on November 4th to kick off the start of construction of a new library facility. The event marked the successful completion of a two-year fundraising campaign that generated \$850,000 for the new library. The project is also supported, in part, by a grant of federal funds from LSCA Title II awarded by the Library of Michigan in 1997. The new facility will be built on Maple Street in Central Lake, with completion scheduled for May of 1998.

## JOHN RUMMEL REMEMBERED

Friends and colleagues of the late John Rummel gathered at the Library of Michigan on Friday November 14, to dedicate a permanent new leaf on the donor tree of the Library of Michigan Foundation. As the Library's public information officer for nearly ten years, he was known throughout the library community, and many contributions were made in his name to establish this lasting memorial.

State Librarian George Needham began the brief ceremony with a tribute to John Rummel's many accomplishments. Other LM staff members also spoke at the brief gathering, joining with representatives of the Michigan Genealogical Council in brief tributes to his memory.

Statewide recognition was accorded to John Rummel's legacy when the Michigan Library Association members met in Grand Rapids for their 1997 Annual Conference. The MLA Executive Board announced that the "Best of the Best Award" for library public relations material has been renamed in honor of John Rummel to recognize his many contributions to the development of quality PR programs in Michigan libraries. The dedication of the annual MLA award also recognized John Rummel's commitment to creativity and to quality. The announcement was made on November 5, 1997, during the annual conference. Members of the Rummel family were in attendance at the MLA conference event.

## VOTERS APPROVE THREE FUNDING PROPOSALS AND REJECT ONE IN NOVEMBER

Michigan voters continued to support the repair and improvement of public library facilities, including new buildings where needed. Only one bond issue for repairs was turned down on November 4th.

The November election brought approval of the expansion of the Brighton District Library, to include Green Oak Township. The township residents voted by a margin of 1,311 to 934 in favor of joining the district library, and also approved the necessary library funding by passing a levy of .71 mill by the margin of 1,230 yes votes to 941 against.

The Detroit Public Library was again strongly supported by the voters as it asked for funding to restore branch libraries in the city. On November 4th the voters overwhelmingly passed a capital bond issue for \$ 7,500,000 "to buy, build, renovate or rehabilitate Detroit Public Library facilities." The margin was 107,366 votes to 28,680 no votes. Branch facilities had been in the minds of city residents, with five branch facilities having been forced to close during the year due to the deterioration of their buildings.

The Trenton Veterans Memorial Library, a branch of the Wayne County Library, will benefit from a \$ 4 million bond issue narrowly approved on November 4th by 2,731 votes to 2,254 opposed. The library may borrow up to that amount to build a new library facility on the same site in Trenton.

A proposal by the Monroe County Library System to fund repairs to the Ellis Reference and Information Center to bring the building up to code was rejected by county voters in the November election. The Ellis building is the only one of the library's facilities that is owned by the library system, and repairs will now need to be funded from the operating budget.

## Would you like "Access" to reach you directly?

If your library's copy of this newsletter does not always reach your desk or is delayed along the way, simply return this slip, giving us your name, title and address, and we'll send a copy directly to you. There is no cost for persons employed by a library, serving on a library board of directors or affiliated as a friend or volunteer at a library. Return to the address below.

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